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September 19, 1946

TO: The Executive Director

FROM: Acting Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating  
and Planning Staff

Subject: Washington Document Center

Enclosures: a. Memorandum on same subject dated 18 September  
1946, with two enclosures.

1. The approval of the Executive Director is requested for the ICAPS plan to originate letters to the Directors of Intelligence, MID and ONI soliciting invitations from them for the transfer of the Washington Document Center to Central Intelligence Group administration from approximately 1 December 1946, by which date this Center is expected to become dissolved under its present administration. At the same time it is recommended that the CIG offer to supply the necessary funds for continuation of the employment of the civilian employees who would be discharged on 9 October 1946 by the War Department. These civilian employees are required for the continued effective operation of the Center.

2. Enclosure a with its attached statistical summary and personnel breakdown explains the situation by which the Washington Document Center, which provides translation services for valuable sources of intelligence, will become inoperative under present administration.

3. Funds available to CIG are sufficient to provide for the personnel now attached to the Document Center.

4. Attention is invited to the fact that this matter must be expedited to avoid losing this key personnel on 9 October.

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1 Encl.  
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